

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A process comprising
providing a hollow imaging drum having
a first end, a second end,
an outside surface,
an inside surface and
coating material on both the inside surface and the outside surface at at
least the first end;
simultaneously contacting the coating material on both the inside surface
and the outside surface at the first end of the drum with resilient sponge material, said
sponge material being one-piece having an inner sponge section for contacting the
inside surface at the first end of the drum and an outer sponge section for contacting
the outside surface at the first end of the drum;
flowing liquid solvent for the coating material to the sponge material where
the sponge material contacts the first end of the drum, the sponge material being
insoluble in the flowing solvent;
producing relative movement between the sponge material and the drum
to simultaneously wipe both the inside surface and the outside surface of the first end
of the drum with the sponge material and solvent material and simultaneously remove
coating material from the inside surface and the outside surface of the first end of the
drum; and
flowing the solvent away from the drum to carry away coating material
removed from the inside surface and the outside surface of the first end of the drum,
said inner sponge section of said sponge material having internal channels for flowing
the solvent away from the drum and said outer sponge section of said sponge material
having internal channels for flowing the solvent away from the drum.

2. A process according to claim 1 wherein the sponge material comprises a sponge having a substantially horizontal upper surface and a vertical circular slit in the upper surface separating the inner sponge section from the outer sponge section to receive the first end of the drum for simultaneous wiping of both the inside surface and the outside surface of the first end of the drum with the sponge material.

3. A process according to claim 1 wherein the sponge material comprises a sponge having a substantially horizontal upper surface

4. A process according to claim 3 wherein the sponge material has a disk shape with a circular wall which is perpendicular to the substantially horizontal upper surface and coaxial with the vertical circular slit.

5. A process according to claim 4 wherein the substantially horizontal upper surface has at least one drain groove extending radially from the slit to the circular wall to channel flowing solvent and coating material away from the drum.

6. A process according to claim 4 including rotating the sponge material while maintaining the drum stationary to produce relative movement between the sponge material and the drum.

7. A process according to claim 1 wherein the sponge material comprises closed cell sponge.

8. A process according to claim 1 wherein the sponge material comprises polyethylene.

9. A process according to claim 1 wherein the sponge material comprise cells having an average cell diameter of between about 1 millimeter and about 3 millimeters.

10. A process according to claim 1 including removing a strip of coating material from the outside surface of the first end of the drum, the strip having a width between about 3.5 millimeters and about 9 millimeters.

11. A process according to claim 1 wherein the sponge material is compressed against the drum while simultaneously wiping both the inside surface and the outside surface of the first end of the drum.